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'The start of something really big'



Kids from Hope Blooms crowd onto a shovel on Wednesday, during a groundbreaking ceremony for their future greenhouse at Murray Warrington Park. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Ongoing success story. Hope Blooms celebrates the groundbreaking for a new greenhouse



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A hot sun shone on dozens of smiling, laughing children as they all reached toward a large shovel wrapped in a ribbon, some launching their full body weight behind the blade as it dug into the earth.

The kids of Halifax's Hope Blooms community garden and salad-dressing business, politicians and Build Right Nova Scotia members gathered at the site of a future greenhouse on the corner of Brunswick and Gerrish streets Wednesday afternoon for a groundbreaking ceremony.

"This is the start of something really big," Jessie Jollymore, Hope Blooms lead and dietician, told the crowd with a large smile.

Build Right Nova Scotia, a partnership between unionized contractors

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"Hope Blooms is becoming one of the real positive faces of Halifax."

Mayor Mike Savage

and tradespeople, is set to begin construction on a free greenhouse designed by Fowler Bauld & Mitchell in collaboration with Hope Blooms on Sept. 8.

The 12-metre, 1,000-square-foot greenhouse will be situated next to an existing community garden. It will allow Hope Blooms and everyone in the surrounding area to grow organic vegetables and herbs throughout the year.

More herbs means more salad dressing, which is sold at the Seaport Farmers' Market, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going back to the garden and a scholarship fund for the children, Jollymore said.

Hope Blooms started seven years ago on the piece of abandoned land that has since been transformed into a thriving garden.

Jollymore said to see the shovel in the ground is "a

dream come true."

Jollymore said the garden began as a way to address food security in the area by growing organic produce, adding it became even more powerful when youth got involved.

"When kids grow kale, kids eat kale," she said.

Bocar Wade, a Hope Blooms member, said the greenhouse will help their dressing business but also unite the community and be an icon, "so that's awesome."

Tiffany Calvin, 13, added: "We can grow more, give back ... and I think that's going to be great."

Jollymore said they are hoping to create a "food hub" for more cooking classes, preserving and community suppers.

"People can see (not only) that you can grow the food, but all the different things you can do with that," she said.

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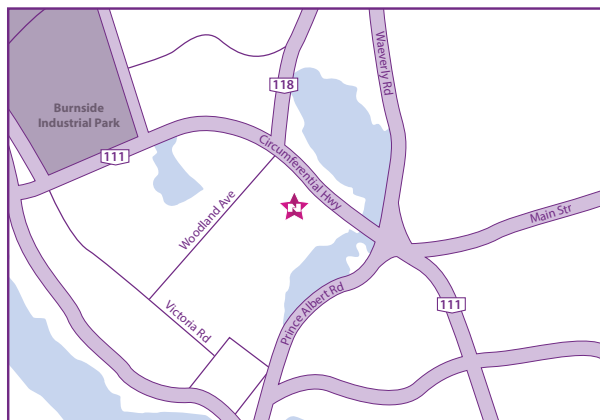
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2 CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

The Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Liberal Association will hold a public forum Thursday at 7 p.m. at Alderney Landing Theatre, to hear from the five people vying for the nomination in Dartmouth-Cole Harbour.

3 BRING BACK THE BEES

Two Ontario honey producers are creating a buzz over disappearing bees by launching a class action lawsuit against makers of pesticides widely blamed for the deaths.

4 WORLD CUP STILL ON

In discussing how to penalize aggression in Ukraine, the EU floated but quickly rejected the idea of sanctioning Russian-hosted sporting events, including the 2018 World Cup.

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Are you on trend? New York Fashion Week starts today through Sept. 10 and will help set the way people dress during the Spring 2015 season.

Province to ban fracking for onshore shale gas



Energy Minister Andrew Younger, shown in this file photo, announced Wednesday that high-volume hydraulic fracturing will be banned in Nova Scotia. METRO FILE

Environmental uncertainty. Provincial Liberals will introduce legislation this fall to ban controversial high-volume fracturing technique indefinitely.

The Nova Scotia government will prohibit high-volume hydraulic fracturing for onshore shale gas, or "fracking," saying Wednesday the ban will remain in place until the province's population is ready to embrace the industry.

Energy Minister Andrew Younger said Nova Scotians have made it clear they are "not comfortable" with fracking.

"There is not a community in this province ... where there's a large number of people pushing to allow hydraulic fracturing," Younger told a news conference in Halifax.

Younger said the province's Liberal government will introduce legislation this fall to pro-

hibit fracking for an indefinite time frame.

In making the announcement, Younger pointed to a key study released in April by an independent group of Canadian scientists.

The Council of Canadian Academies concluded that even though fracking could produce big economic benefits across Canada, there is significant uncertainty on the risks to the environment and human health.

"That contributed quite a bit to this debate," Younger said.

Younger's announcement came less than a week after a panel of Nova Scotia experts released a report saying fracking shouldn't be allowed until more independent research is done on health, environmental and economic impacts.

The Halifax-based Ecology Action Centre had called for a 10-year moratorium to allow time for a comprehensive study. However, the centre's Jennifer West said she is pleased with the government's decision.

"The environmental community, the grassroots and the

Quoted

"The resources belong to the people of Nova Scotia and they get to decide how they are harnessed."

Energy Minister Andrew Younger

rural population in Nova Scotia have really worked hard to make their voices heard," she said.

Fracking is a process that forces pressurized water and chemicals into layers of rock to release trapped oil and natural gas. Industry representatives have said the process is safe, citing 50 years of experience in other parts of North America.

However, critics have focused much of their attention on high-volume hydraulic fracturing for gas trapped in shale deposits. This process, which requires far more water than conventional fracking, has been around for less than a decade. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Reworked condo plan still not OK by park lovers

Wellington St. Locals remain wary of towers' impact on beloved Gorsebrook Park

By the numbers

35 feet

The maximum building height allowed under current planning regulations in the south end

Some residents in the south end of Halifax fear a new development will threaten one of the area's most cherished parks.

Nearly 100 residents came to a public meeting to express their views on two condo towers proposed by developer Dino Capital Limited on Wellington Street during a public meeting Wednesday evening.

The developer had originally proposed towers of 10 and 12 storeys, but revised the application to reduce the height after getting mostly negative

feedback at a public meeting last November.

The developer is now seeking to amend planning regulations to build twin eight- and ten-storey towers that would feature more than 140 units, as well as a 150-space parking garage and a rooftop green space.

The proposed buildings would stand at approximately 80 and 100 feet.

Although some residents were pleased with the redesign, many remained worried about the impact on

Gorsebrook Park, located directly behind the site.

"Gorsebrook is a treasure," resident Pat Whitman told the crowd. "It is a four-season park and should not be threatened by this development."

Many residents felt the shadows from the new towers would harm the park's community garden, and limit the number of activities that take place during the day.

"There are trees behind those properties in the park ... those trees are all going to lose their roots and will die," resident Oriel MacLellan said afterwards.

A shadow and wind study commissioned by the developer for the original proposal stated the park would not be affected.

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They all shine on, for a good cause

First year Dalhousie students Bjoern Huntemann (left), Britni Hamer, Claire Bennet and Rebecca Ansems dance and chant for donations during the annual Shinerama campaign along Spring Garden Road on Wednesday. Shinerama uses college and university students from over 60 campuses each year to raise money for cystic fibrosis. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Youths facing theft charges

Halifax police say two teens are facing several charges related to thefts in the Sambro area.

According to a release, Halifax Regional Police officers responded to Jacqueline Purcell Drive in Portuguese Cove around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday after getting reports of two people breaking into parked cars on the street.

Property had been stolen from several vehicles, but the suspects had left by the time police arrived. Around 3:20 a.m., officers spotted a car matching the description of the suspect vehicle off Margus Lane in Sambro. The car was parked next to a pickup truck, and the drivers of both vehicles fled on foot when they saw police.

Officers and a K-9 unit soon arrested two people.

Both vehicles had been reported stolen, and property stolen in Portuguese Cove was recovered in the car.

Two 16-year-old boys from Halifax are facing charges including theft, possession of stolen property, and breaches of previous court orders. METRO

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The Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility. A guard at the jail says the facility is consistently short-staffed and guards don't always have access to proper safety equipment. Inset: Thomas Ted Barrett of Glace Bay, charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths Laura Catherine Jessome and Brett Elizabeth MacKinnon, arrives at Nova Scotia provincial court in Halifax in February 2013. PHOTO: METRO FILE; INSET: ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'There's so much tension there,' jail officer says

Central Nova Correctional Facility.

Burnside jail guard speaks about understaffing, lack of tools in response to stabbing review



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About a week after the province released a review into a group stabbing at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside, an officer at the jail said he feels front-line staff were used as "scapegoats."

In the June incident, five men allegedly stabbed Thomas Ted Barrett of Cape Breton more than 40 times with makeshift weapons. The review suggested that an operating procedure — stating offenders can't visit any cell they're not assigned to — wasn't followed. "That procedure is an un-

Frustrations

"We're trying to make something work that's not working." Officer at Burnside jail

enforceable (one)," said the officer, who asked that his name not be used.

"They look for scapegoats, they look for people to blame ... instead of looking at the root problem."

He said five staff work in a unit with up to 162 offenders, so it's not possible to ensure all inmates are in their cells.

Although the jail was built to hold 272 prisoners, 350 men are often placed there, with admitting and discharging rooms used as long-term housing cells, said the guard.

The officer said the Barrett incident and other violent incidents are symptoms of the larger issues of understaffing and lack of tools, such as pepper spray and handcuffs, for every guard.

"We have next to no control. It can be very dangerous," the officer said, describ-

ing brawls he's been forced to wade into or how some inmates laugh when he asks them to do something.

Guards also sometimes work 16-hour shifts, which usually are never planned but are required because of an unexpected search or other reason.

He said the "staffing-level crisis" means applications for vacation or time off are always denied, and guards have refused work because of a lack of proper equipment — or staff.

"There's so much tension there; it's sad," he said.

He added that it's frustrating to see questions always revolve around what the guards did or did not do.

"We're very bitter because of it," he said. "It doesn't matter how hard we do our job, they're going to find a fault with it."

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Support. N.S. Liberals still leading among voters: Poll

More than 60 per cent of respondents to a recent poll say they would vote for the governing provincial Liberals if an election were held today.

The latest Corporate Research Associates survey suggests 63 per cent of respondents would vote for the Grits, up from 57 per cent in May. Twenty per cent would vote for the Progressive Conservatives, 14 per cent the NDP and

three per cent for the Greens.

Sixty-one per cent of respondents say they are completely or mostly satisfied with the government's performance, holding steady from four months ago.

CRA surveyed 803 adult Nova Scotians by phone from Aug. 7 to Sept. 1. The results are considered accurate to within 3.5 percentage points, 95 out of 100 times. **METRO**

Highway 358

RCMP identify victim of collision

The RCMP in Kings County have released the name of the man who died in a head-on collision Tuesday evening.

According to a release, Stephen Peter Leblanc, 25, of Kentville, was killed in the crash between a north-bound truck and south-bound sedan on Highway 358 near Arlington and North Corner. **METRO**

'Smart cities' list

Library lands Hali a NatGeo shoutout

National Geographic has placed Halifax on its annual "Traveler 50" list at No. 23, thanks to the new Central Library.

The October issue of Traveler magazine calls the \$57.6-million central library that will act as hub to 14 branches "an investment in words and indoorsy charms in a town with a famously outdoorsy outlook." **METRO**

Design of Arctic patrol ships on a smooth course

On time and under budget. Irving hosts federal, provincial dignitaries at event in Halifax to lay final piece of structural steel in new production building



From left, Irving Shipbuilding president Kevin McCoy, Justice Minister Peter MacKay, Mayor Mike Savage and Public Works Minister Diane Finley arrive at the shipyard in Halifax on Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The design phase of the Arctic offshore patrol ships to be built in Halifax is under budget and on time, the president of Irving Shipbuilding said Wednesday.

Kevin McCoy said costs on the \$250-million design phase

of the ships is under budget by between \$20 million and \$30 million.

The final numbers are expected at the end of next year.

McCoy said most of the design is complete and construction of the vessels is still scheduled to begin next September.

The federal government has said it plans to build six

to eight of the ships, but the auditor general has warned the navy may not get the type or number of vessels it needs because of cost restrictions.

The shipyard held an event Wednesday to mark the installation of the last piece of structural steel to the production building where the ships are to be built.

A release from Irving states

that the company has committed more than \$310 million in Canada so far in contracts and goods and services related to the shipbuilding strategy, 47 per cent of it in Nova Scotia. The release states the Nova Scotia commitment has created more than 1500 full-time equivalent positions with Irving as well as Irving suppliers.

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Canadian delegation visits Iraq to pledge support in ISIS battle

Showing 'solidarity'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird promises to stand by the people of Iraq but cuts no slack to neighbouring Iran

Accompanied by two of his political rivals, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird slipped quietly Wednesday into one of the world's most dangerous countries, where he declared Canada would stand by the people of Iraq.

The two-day visit, which continues Thursday in the northern city of Irbil, began in sweltering Baghdad behind a steely curtain of security. Baird, whose travel plans had been a closely guarded secret, is in Iraq to provide both moral and material support to Iraq, which is reeling under a relentless offensive by the al-Qaida splinter group known as ISIS.

But Baird was unwilling to cut neighbouring Iran any slack, despite that country's stated opposition to ISIS's advance and recent signals that it's willing to work with the U.S. and its allies. Canada still lists Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism.

"Obviously we have a very different view when it comes to the government of Tehran," Baird said. "It could suspend its considerable support to terrorist organizations, not just around the region but around the world."

A meeting with Iraqi



From left: Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, Liberal MP Marc Garneau and NDP MP Paul Dewar arrive at an airport Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq. The delegation is in Iraq to provide moral and material support in the country's struggle against al-Qaida splinter group ISIS. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

President Fuad Masoum was first on Baird's packed agenda as the Canadian delegation, including opposition MPs, donned flak jackets for a high-speed dash in an armoured convoy to the presidential palace. He also met with Foreign Affairs Minister Hoshyar Zebari.

"We are many — all Canadians in government — deeply concerned with the security threat," Baird told the president. "We wanted to come here to show our solidarity with the Iraqi people. We want to congratulate you on your nomination as president."

He also echoed Prime

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"Canada will not stand idly by while ISIS continues to murder innocent civilians, including members of ethnic and religious minorities." Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Minister Stephen Harper in condemning what both of them called the "barbaric" ISIS beheadings of U.S. journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, both of which were documented in videos on the Internet.

"It just horrifies anyone who learns of it," Baird said. "At the same time, we should be very mindful that there have been hundreds, even

thousands, of Iraqis, men, women and children, who have met similar fates."

Baird did not arrive empty-handed. He promised \$10 million for equipment, helmets, body armour and logistics-support vehicles for Iraqi forces and \$5 million more to support efforts to limit the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria.

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Russia, Ukraine talk ceasefire

Russia and Ukraine said Wednesday they are working on a deal to halt months of fighting in eastern Ukraine, but Western leaders expressed skepticism — noting it wasn't the first attempt to end the deadly conflict.

On the eve of a crucial NATO summit, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's office said he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed on steps for a ceasefire.

In a televised statement, Putin spelled out a seven-point plan for ending hostilities in eastern Ukraine, where Russian-backed separatists scored significant gains last week against government forces after four months of fighting.

Putin, speaking on a visit to Mongolia, said the rebels should halt their offensive and the Ukrainian government forces should pull back to a distance that would make

it impossible for them to use artillery and rockets against residential areas. He also urged international monitoring of a ceasefire, a prisoners exchange and the delivery of humanitarian aid to war-ravaged regions.

Representatives of Russia, Ukraine, the rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe could finalize the peace deal as early as Friday, Putin said.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Doorstep death. Detroit-area man gets at least 17 years for murdering teen

A suburban Detroit man was sentenced Wednesday to at least 17 years in prison for killing an unarmed woman who appeared on his porch before dawn.

Theodore Wafer was convicted of second-degree murder in the Nov. 2 death of 19-year-old Renisha McBride.

Wafer is white and McBride was black, and some wondered in the aftermath of the shooting whether race was a factor, likening it to the shooting of unarmed Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. But race was hardly mentioned at trial.

Before he was sentenced, Wafer apologized to McBride's family, saying he killed a woman who was



The cover of a funeral program showing 19-year-old Renisha McBride from a service in Detroit.
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"too young to leave this world."

"I will carry that guilt and sorrow forever," said Wafer, often pausing to control his emotions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

N.Y.C. St. Patrick's Day

Gay group to march under own banner

Organizers of New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade have agreed to allow a gay contingent to march under its own banner for the first time, making an exception for a group of employees from NBC, the network televising the event.

The prohibition on identified gay groups in New York's largest parade had made participation a political issue. Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio refused to march this year, and Guinness beer dropped its sponsorship.

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Stabbed 19 times

U.S. girl who nearly died returns to school

A 12-year-old girl who nearly died after she was stabbed 19 times is back in school.

A spokesman for the girl's family says it has been a summer of doctor's appointments, surgeries, specialists and recovery. Stephen Lyons says the girl has been eager to go back to school in Waukesha. She started the seventh grade on Tuesday.

Court documents say two classmates plotted for months to kill the girl to curry favour with a fictional Slender Man character they read about online. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Reports counter Harper's view on aboriginal victims

Refusal to launch public inquiry. PM has said missing, murdered women not a sociological phenomenon

Dozens of federal, provincial and community studies compiled by the Conservative government appear to contradict the prime minister's contention that the problem of missing and murdered aboriginal women isn't a "sociological phenomenon."

But some in the aboriginal community don't quibble with the government's other main response to calls for a public inquiry — that there has been more than enough research.

Officials point to a non-exhaustive list of 40 studies conducted on the issue between 1996 and 2013.

A closer look at the research shows that in nearly every case, the authors or participants highlight the "root" or systemic causes of violence against aboriginal women and their marginalization in society.

The legacy of colonization, including the displacement and dispossession linked with residential schools and other policies, are cited frequently in the reports. The impact of poverty and lack of housing are also cited as root causes of violence against aboriginal women.

"There are root causes of violence in the aboriginal communities that include things like poverty and racism, and this is why it's incredibly important for us to work with or-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives in Cardiff, Wales, on Wednesday to attend the NATO Summit.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ganizations, aboriginal organizations, across the country," said former Minister for Status of Women Rona Ambrose at a parliamentary hearing in 2011.

Harper has offered a different perspective.

"I think we should not view this as sociological phenomenon. We should view it as crime," he said last month.

"It is crime, against innocent people, and it needs to be addressed as such."

The government's related position has been that there have been enough studies — the focus needs to be on action.

"What we don't need is yet another study on top of the some 40 studies and reports that have already been done, that made specific recommendations which are being pursued, to delay ongoing action," Justice Minister Peter MacKay said last week.

Some inside the aborig-

inal community agree there have been enough studies, but there are varying opinions on whether an inquiry would just go over the same ground.

One 2005 report prepared by three B.C. community groups, entitled *Researched to Death*, pointed to the "striking similarities" in research and recommendations done up to that point.

"The only outstanding element is action," the authors wrote. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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So, is this the end of privacy?

Photo-hacking scandal.

The barrier between public and private is crumbling, and not just for beautiful starlets

As the celebrity photo-hacking scandal has made clear, privacy isn't what it used to be.

Whether famous or seemingly anonymous, people from all walks of life put all sorts of things online or into cloud-based storage systems, from vital financial informa-

tion to the occasional nude photo. Periodic cases of hacking fuel outrage, but there's no retreat from digital engagement or any imminent promise of guaranteed privacy.

"We have this abstract belief that privacy is important, but the way we behave online often runs counter to that," said Nicholas Carr, whose extensive writings about the Internet include the 2010 book *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*.

"I'd hope people would understand that anything you do online could be made public," Carr said. "Yet there's this illusion of security that

tempers any nervousness ... It's hard to judge risks when presented with the opportunity to do something fun."

The latest headlines involved nude photos of actress Jennifer Lawrence and other celebrities which were accessed via hacking and then posted online. Apple, which created the iCloud and other content-sharing systems, says individual accounts of some of the celebrities were targeted and hacked.

Privacy experts said users of online and cloud technology need not be famous to be vulnerable.

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Nearly 4 years at 1%

Bank of Canada holds interest rate steady at 1%

The Bank of Canada held its trend-setting interest rate at one per cent on Wednesday as it said there needs to be continued growth in Canada's exports before companies increase their investment and hiring.

The central bank also noted activity in the housing market is stronger than previously thought.

"While an increasing number of export sectors appear to be turning the corner toward recovery, this pickup will need to be sustained before it will translate into higher business investment and hiring," the Bank of Canada said in its latest statement.

"Meanwhile, activity in the housing market has been stronger than anticipated. The bank still expects excess capacity in the economy to be absorbed during the next two years."

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Will new phone give Samsung Edge over Apple?

The new Samsung Galaxy Note Edge launched Wednesday. The Edge uses Samsung's flexible-display technology. With the side display, the phone's camera functions more like a stand-alone point-and-shoot camera, as the shutter button and other functions appear on top when the phone is held horizontally. The side display also provides one-tap access to various apps normally found on the home screen. It will also have a panel of tools, like the flashlight and stopwatch, akin to what Apple offers in the iPhone's Control Center with a swipe up from the bottom. MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CANADIAN FILM: A RETROSPECTIVE

The Toronto International Film Festival is underway, bringing the biggest stars in Hollywood to the one city in Canada that's as full of itself as they are.

The country has reason to be proud, though. The media attention at TIFF is usually on American films, but did you know that Canadian cinema has a storied history that dates all the way back to 1986? It's true. As you can see by this list of key Canadian films, our cinematic history closely reflects what was happening in Hollywood.

Full Woolen Jacket (1986): Four Canadians sit around an October bonfire and talk about how glad they are that Canada stayed out of Vietnam. Good companion piece with *The Deer Hunter*, the story of four Canadians who go deer hunting and talk about how glad they are that Canada stayed out of Vietnam. Then they go to a casino and play some roulette.

Nicefellas (1990): The story of Henry Hill and his lifelong desire to live the life of an average nobody.



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Forest Gump (1994): An unintelligent man accidentally finds himself at many key moments in Canadian forestry, including the establishment of a coherent regulatory system in 1824. "Life is like a box of pal-lets!"

The Lion Mackenzie King (1994): Animated film about the circle of Canadian elections. Includes classic, "Can you feel the Liberal corporatism tonight?"

Pulp Friction (1994): Gordon Tarantino directed these interlocking, time-jumping stories of the orange-juice-making McCain family and the lumber-producing family the Irvings, both of New Brunswick, Canada's hotbed of violence and seduction.

Quiz Show Canada (1994): The story of how Canada lost its innocence when it was revealed that six-time Bumper Stumpers winner Howard Van Dimple was given the licence plates in advance, dishonestly collecting \$182 in the process.

Canadian History X (1998): A young, impressionable youth learns about the underground railroad and decides to make a series of shorts depicting key moments in Canadian heritage.

Fight Club Canada (1999): What happens in *Fight Club* is heavily regulated so as to prevent injury.

The Bourne Suggestion (2007): Jason Bourne learns the top-secret origins of his life as a trained killer when he politely asks a CSIS agent.

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (2011): The story of the 2011 election campaign. Decide who's who as your politics dictate.

The General Wolfe of Wall Street (2013): Based on a true story, this biopic follows the classic story arc of an army officer/stock broker who lives the high life until, inevitably, he is shot full of musket balls.

Her (2013): A lonely writer develops an unlikely relationship with his newly purchased BlackBerry. They have a volatile, rapidly deteriorating relationship until she's nothing more than a former shell of her once-influential self.

Canadian filmmakers clearly have reason to hold their heads high. The future looks bright, and I haven't even mentioned *The Godfather* or its well-loved sequel *The Godfather: Part II*. The less said about *The Godfather: Part III* the better.

Corporation quits smoking



American company CVS announces it has finished removing cigarettes and other tobacco products from its store a month before its Oct. 1 deadline by 'putting out' a 50-foot-tall cigarette in Bryant Park on Wednesday in New York City. The store is also changing its name to CVS Health. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. pharmacy announces it stopped selling ciggies with giant butt-out

U.S. pharmacy chain CVS Caremark plans to stop selling tobacco products in all of its

stores starting now — a move health experts hope will be followed by other major drugstore chains.

To bolster its image as a health-care company, CVS will announce a corporate name change to CVS Health. Retail stores will still be called CVS Pharmacy. CVS, which has 7,700 retail locations, is the second-

largest drugstore chain in the U.S., behind Walgreens.

The American Pharmacists Association called on drugstores to stop selling tobacco in March 2010 and several smaller, independent chains have done so, APA spokeswoman Michelle Spinnler says. CVS is the first large chain to stop tobacco sales.

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By the numbers

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CVS says its tobacco sales amount to \$2 billion a year.

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Skateboard vicariously



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For most, there's a fairly narrow age window to take up skateboarding. I whiffed on mine completely and have since been shackled to second-hand fear and deep admiration when a skateboarder whizzes by on the street. That admiration was amped up considerably by this slow-motion video of Christopher Chann's fancy footwork at L.A.'s Stoner Plaza. (christopherchann/YouTube)



SCREENSHOT

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Some condos are being built with separate entrances for wealthy residents and less wealthy ones. In New York this practice has been banned. Should 'poor doors' be allowed?

@SamKolahi: Why stop there? Maybe, we should have 'poor lanes' on our roads. #shameonyou #ridiculousness

@kingperry: Ugh poor doors. Do we really want to provide opportunities for lower income families or maintain the same buffer of separation??



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Younger Cohen carves his niche

Finding his voice.

Adam Cohen moves from young performer in search of glamour to a man with art and soul



BACKSTAGE PASS
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When there's a family business to take care of, pass on and honour, pressure inevitably follows. I imagine balancing the books for a mom-and-pop shop is challenging, but when you are following in the footsteps of Leonard Cohen, there's a significantly larger and brighter spotlight. According to Adam Cohen, there was never any pressure from dad to thrive in the music business — the passion itself was passed on organically.

"I was seduced at an early age as many people are," said Cohen. "You don't have to be born into the business to be seduced by it but I was and comfortably so."

Though happy to take advantage of the networking opportunities available to him, Cohen admittedly struggled to find his voice. From his 1998 self-titled album through to his sophomore record *Mélancolista*, Cohen battled an internal war between what music he believed would breed success and what his craft should represent. Succumbing to his insecurities, Cohen nearly quit the music business after his musical con-



Throughout his career, Adam Cohen has waged an internal war about what his music should be. CONTRIBUTED

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tributions failed to bring what society would consider success. Focusing "on the wrong things — being money, women, glamour, the right haircut — because I'd missed those targets, I had considered myself a failure," said Cohen.

In an effort to prove to himself that he knew how to make his mark in this business of show, a last-ditch effort to achieve a creative comeback came to light with the 2012 release of *Like A Man*. With hundreds of thousands of copies sold, and a redemption tour like no other, Cohen had found his voice and felt his success.

"Anytime you have some-

one going into the family business, you are going to succumb to quality-control pressures," he said.

"My skill level and artistic courage only kicked in a couple

Quoted

"I cannot believe that at 41 I am making my second record. I have found my voice and I'm happy to say I have finally become the person I had envisioned as that little boy sitting at the kitchen table."

Adam Cohen

albums ago. It took me a long time to find my own voice."

Now with the release of what Cohen considers his true sophomore album, he's excited to share his true music with Halifax audiences this Thursday through Saturday nights at The Carleton.

Moving forward, Cohen

embraces the challenges of his third album with his new voice.

"How do I remain faithful to this new thing, that was not only satisfying but also a commercial success. But at the same time, how do I chart progress and chart evolution?"

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Angie honours her mom with pin, ring and a rock

Details about Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's nuptials in France last month are coming out, thanks to People magazine.

And chief among them? The efforts Pitt and Jolie went to include the memory of her late mother, Marcheline Bertrand, who died in 2007 of ovarian cancer.

"Brad had a dedication to Marcheline engraved inside the chapel where we stood," Jolie tells the magazine. "I also wore a little flower ring that was hers, and (my brother) Jamie wore an angel pin from her jewelry box."

The couple also took their vows atop a stone etched with a tribute to Bertrand.

Keys coy on new album, but next kid is on the way

Alicia Keys, who often releases albums in November and December, is preparing for another delivery at the end of this year: her second baby.

"December album? Well, I know one thing. I'm having a December baby," the singer said with a laugh Tuesday.

Keys says she and husband, producer-rapper Swizz Beatz, know the sex of the baby, but that she's "not sharing." Their son, Egypt, turns four next month.

Keys' last album was 2012's *Girl on Fire*, which



Alicia Keys THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

won a Grammy this year for best R&B album. She was coy about when she will release her next album.

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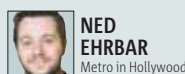
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Connie to Gwyneth: 'All moms are working hard'



Hey, remember back in March when Gwyneth Paltrow compared being a mom with a regular office job to being a mom who's a famous actress and decided her situation was tougher?

Well, Nashville star Connie Britton does.

"Our hours are long, but I would never compare what I do to what anyone else does," Britton tells Redbook. "Everybody's working hard and doing the best they can. If you're a mom, there's that pressure, we all face it. I'm constantly being

pulled in different directions. But that's the thing: moms are pulled and distracted. I would never say that's worse for me because I'm an actor."

As a refresher, here's what Paltrow said about the difference between her and, say, Diane Keaton's character in *Baby Boom* (because all of my references are terribly current): "I think it's different when you have an office job, because it's routine and, you know, you can do all the stuff in the morning and then you come home in the evening," Paltrow said.

"When you're shooting a movie, they're like, 'We need you to go to Wisconsin for two weeks,' and then you work 14 hours a day, and that part of it is very difficult. I think to have a regular job and be a mom is not as ... of course there are challenges, but it's not like being on set."



CeeLo Green GETTY IMAGES

Rape-related Twitter fight and ecstasy legal trouble end The Good Life for CeeLo

CeeLo Green's *The Good Life* won't be coming back to TBS for a second season, which makes sense considering that the former *Voice* judge's life isn't that good right now.

The cancellation news, first announced by the Hollywood Reporter, comes in the wake of Green's latest legal troubles and a rape-related Twitter meltdown.

Last week, Green pleaded no contest to giving a woman ecstasy without her knowledge

in 2012, although his plea maintained his innocence. He was sentenced to three years probation, 360 hours of community service and a year of weekly NA/AA meetings.

He followed that up by getting into a Twitter fight about rape and the nature of consent. "If someone is passed out they're not even with you consciously! So with implies consent," he wrote. "People who have really been raped remember."

Twitter



@TomArnold

Trainer had me take naked pics 2 show progress. They're disgusting but think I've proven last 30 yrs nothing can ruin my career.



@ChloeGMoretz

Wrote my first song ever tonight, shocked because I barely write poetry. Just kind of happened, wow, feeling proud of myself



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The light hues of summer are following frocks into the fall

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

We can't believe summer's nearly done. (Did it really even take off?) And while we're not ready to part with barbecues in the park or day drinking on Fridays, we'll take solace in

knowing there's one aspect of our warm weather routine we won't have to give up: wearing soft hues.

Yes, a majority of your fall wardrobe will always consist of black and grey, but this season designers also showed everything from burly furs to mini dresses in pretty shades of pink and lavender. Which means, right about now, stores are stocking their racks with some lighter options for you.

Now, pairing your summertime go-to Birkenstocks with socks? We're on the fence about that one.



Topshop Fisherman crop sweater, \$56. TOPSHOP.COM



A.L.C. Tonne skirt, \$495. SHOPBOP.COM



Zara leather court shoe, \$89.90. ZARA.COM



Grafea Hari backpack in lilac, \$348. ASOS.COM



A lavender-laden model walks the runway at the Glaw show during the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2015 in Berlin, Germany.

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AX Armani Exchange bomber, \$168. ARMANIEXCHANGE.COM



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holy cow, it's already September and I need **new glasses**, a **fall coat**, and some **jeans** for Emma, and don't even get me started about Ryan's list of **school supplies** (and he needs a **haircut**), the **healthy snacks** for their lunches, and since I'm there I could upgrade my **cellphone** plan and book our **vacation trip** for Spring Break, but first I'm going to need a tall **latte** kind of **place.**



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Fade into fall with ombré

What goes from light to dark and adds drama to any space? A decorative treatment called ombré. The term is a French one, meaning gradation, and it describes a gradual progression of colour or tone that lets the eye travel calmly without any harsh visual interruptions. It's definitely a casual look that helps soften a room, and allows light and bright to harmonize with deep and dark. Ombré can be incorporated almost anywhere from small household accessories to large furniture pieces and painted wall treatments.



**DESIGN
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The simplest way to add trends to a bath is with linens. Designers Guild Saraille Lime Towel, from \$16, putti.ca.



For those who like to create a spa feel for the bath. Aqua Ombré Chenille Bath Mat, \$25, simons.ca.



Simple handmade baskets get a jolt of modern colour. Gaddis basket, \$6, ikea.ca.

No ladder needed for this wall treatment; simply fade the paint colour away at arm's length to get an ombré effect.



DESIGNERS GUILD

Semi-antique rugs get new life with a gradual over-dye of colour. Hand-Knotted Colour Transition Red Wool Rug, 4.5 x 7.5 feet, \$268, ecarpetgallery.com (No. 56554).



Seat herbivores and carnivores at the same table

Grilled Vegetable Shawarma with Tahini Dressing with Lamb Flex Appeal.

This dish starts with a vegetable base and adds meat — or not

1. In a tagine or a skillet with a lid, heat 2 tbsp (30 ml) oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion for 4 minutes. Add the remaining oil and the eggplant and mushrooms and stir to mix well. Cover, reduce the heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 12 minutes or until the eggplant is soft. Stir in the garlic, cumin and spinach. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes or until the spinach has wilted.

2. On a work surface, lay out pitas. Spread Tahini Dressing (see below) over each pita, leaving a 1-inch (2.5 cm) border around the edges. Spread onion-eggplant mixture down the centre of each pita. Fold sides of the pita around the filling and secure with toothpicks. Serve

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) coconut or avocado oil, divided
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed eggplant
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cumin
- 2 cups (500 ml) spinach leaves
- 4 pitas, warmed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Tahini Dressing (recipe follows)
- tzatziki (optional)

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- 1 tbsp (15 ml) coconut or avocado oil
- 2 bone-in lamb leg chops (about 6 oz/175 g)

Tahini Dressing

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) tahini
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice

with tzatziki, if desired.

Flex Appeal

1. In skillet or cast iron grill, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook lamb chops 3 minutes per side. They should show



This recipe serves four. The Flex Appeal serves two. PAT CROCKER

some pink inside (145 F/63 C for medium-rare).

2. Cut into strips and spread over the vegetables on 2 of the pitas in step 2 above. If you

have coloured toothpicks, use a different colour to secure the lamb shawarmas.

Tahini Dressing

1. In a bowl, combine the

Ingredients

- 12 ripe fresh figs
- 4 oz (125 g) feta cheese, drained and cut into twelve 1/2-inch (1 cm) cubes

Flex Appeal

- 6 slices prosciutto or thinly sliced cooked ham

Appetizer. Feta-Stuffed Figs with Prosciutto Flex Appeal a sweet treat

In Flex Appeal, Pat Crock and Nettie Cronish note, "You can use Adriatic, Black Mission, Calimyrna, Kadota or Brown Turkey figs (in photo) for this recipe. Some, such as Black

Mission, are much sweeter than others, so experiment with as many varieties as you can find."

1. Slice the figs from the top

almost to the base. Turn and slice at a 90 degree angle almost to the base.

2. Press 1 feta cube into the centre of each fig.

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1. After step 2, wrap a slice of prosciutto or ham around the outside of 6 of the feta-stuffed figs. Secure with a toothpick.



This recipe makes 12 figs. The Flex Appeal makes six. PAT CROCKER

Cookbook of the Week

Marry, eat and veg



Flex Appeal by Pat Crocker and Nettie Cronish shows you how to make healthy choices that will impress even the staunchest meat-and-potatoes eater. Billed as a vegetarian cookbook for families with meat-eaters, most of the meals offered begin with a delicious vegetarian base and add a suggested meat to the dish or on the side. Among the recipes are Cauliflower and Coconut Curry Chowder, Quinoa Taco Salad and more. METRO

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Why not donate the summer clothes you no longer need at Value Village?

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations so every purchase helps provide sustainable funding for vital community programs and services. Every item you donate helps.

"Spring and fall are typically the busiest time for donations," says Janelle Robertson, general manager for the National Diabetes Trust (NDT), operator of Clothesline, a fundraising program across Canada that enables donors to give away their gently used clothing, small household items and electronics, year-round.

Clothesline partners with Value Village to receive donations for the items it collects. Proceeds support the Canadian Diabetes Association and the more than nine million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes — so buying from and donating at Value Village or Clothesline are good for the community.

Because Value Village only puts top-quality donated items into the store, Value Village



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is the perfect place to look for cost-effective, cool-weather fashion this fall. At Value Village a like-new wool coat can cost as little as \$15 — a deep discount from the \$200-plus price tag you may find on a new coat.

"Last year, our sales from Value Village helped the Canadian Diabetes Association invest more than \$7 million in diabetes research

and operate 12 summer camps for more than 1,600 children and youth with Type 1 diabetes and their families, and more," Robertson says.

Donate at Value Village through Clothesline. You can drop your items off in person at one of the more than 2,000 donation boxes across the country, or schedule a free pick-up at your home. Call 1-800-505-5525 or visit dia-

KEEP YOUR CLOSET GREEN

As the leaves turn red and orange, keep your home and clothing purchases green by shopping second-hand.

Value Village works with local community organizations to give Canadians an eco-friendly place to shop.

Clothesline, one of the non-profit organizations Value Village partners with, diverts more than 48 million kilograms of clothing, household items and electronics away from Canadian landfills per year.

This translates into a savings of 876 million kWh of energy, and reduces donors' carbon footprint by 120 million kilograms of CO2 emissions — the equivalent amount of CO2 emitted by driving a car 43,000 times around the globe. Put another way, the reduction in pollution has the same effect as saving 8.6 million trees.

Since you are making the transition to a warmer wardrobe, it's the perfect time to reconsider what's in your closet, and recycle everything you don't need anymore.

Keeping your closet green is just one of the many great reasons to donate.

betes.ca. Find a drop box near you by visiting diabetes.ca/dropbox.

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— Stephanie Orford

Fresh look for your home decor

Fall fashion isn't just for your closet. It's also for your home.

This fall, let the season inspire your home decor. You can get great deals on furniture, home wares and other items at Value Village.

Do-it-yourself interior designers can find just as much or more selection at Value Village than they could find at a department store.

Here are some ideas for DIY fall decor:

PAINT

A fresh coat of paint can give an unassuming piece of furniture a brand new personality. Try fresh white for simplicity, or make the piece pop with a fall colour such as wine, pumpkin or forest green. Crackle-effect paint can give the piece even more richness.

All of a sudden that unassuming table, chair or desk is the room's centrepiece.



For post-secondary students and others on a budget, this is a great way to save money and take your home decor to the next level.

REPURPOSE

Convince your visitors of your decorating genius by making or repurposing other furniture. Make a coffee or side table from an old luggage trunk or suitcase to give yourself extra storage space.



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A beautiful blanket provides a practical accessory to warm up and add colour to your seating area, and can double as a wall hanging. The textiles you will find at Value Village are one-of-a-kind.

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Some of the most charming dish sets aren't sets at all. A set of mismatched plates, bowls



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and cups will lend eclectic charm to your dinner parties.

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— Stephanie Orford

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As a special end-of-summer gift to our readers, Metro brings you the first chapter of *The Afterlife of Stars*, the newest book by award-winning author Joseph Kertes. During this week, we've been introduced to the Beck brothers, two young boys grappling with the world around them as Russian tanks roll into Budapest during the final days of the Hungarian revolution. In **Part 3** of four, the brothers slip out of their house and head towards Heroes' Square.

The Afterlife of Stars

After that, things moved quickly. Our father told us we could each take what we could carry, no more. I snuck out again to the front room, peered in, making sure there was not a single Russian in the room. Then I ran to the sideboard, no longer watched over by the two-headed eagle, and removed a golden cup and saucer. They looked as if they might have come from a Grecian palace, but they were small, like children's dishes. My parents drank espresso coffee out of them when we had company. I hid them in my shirt and slunk away toward the bedroom. I dashed out again one last time, snatched Attila's Spitfire drawing off the wall, opened my shirt, slipped it past the buttons and slid it all the way to the back above my belt before buttoning up my shirt again.

I ran into the Russian soldier in the hall and thought I'd been caught. My face burned. Instead of stripping me of my booty, he handed me a Russian nesting doll — "*matryoshka*," he called it — and I bowed, feeling the corners of the picture frame claw my skin, before retreating to my room. I slipped the picture under my bed. The brightly painted *matryoshka* doll came apart, and I found that a succession of smaller dolls lived inside, all the way down to a puny one. She was a colorful wooden bean, little more.

As I admired them, Attila said that I was a girl, so I countered with my cowboy hat, spurs, cap gun and holster, all of which I placed in my satchel with the reassembled *matryoshka*. With my back to Attila, I rolled my cup and saucer each into its own sock, pulled his drawing out from under the bed, and finally I added my marzipan monkey, still blanketed in the linen cloth from Gerbeaud. The cloth had a "G" monogram.

"Come with me, my one true love," Attila said behind me.

"Where?"

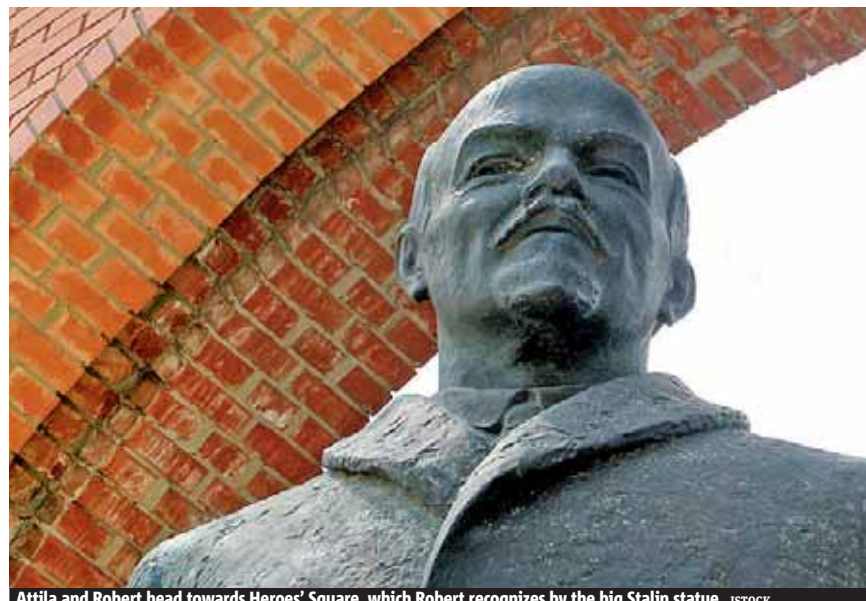
"Just come. I want to show you something, over by Heroes' Square. I hear something is happening there."

"Where the big Stalin is? The statue?"

He nodded. "Just come."

"Shouldn't we tell somebody we're going?"

"Not if we want to get out of here. We'll be back before



Attila and Robert head towards Heroes' Square, which Robert recognizes by the big Stalin statue. ISTOCK

anyone notices, don't worry."

Of course we wouldn't be, but I knew better than to argue. From the fierce and determined look on my brother's face, I had a hunch he was taking me to where there were twice as many hanging men as I had seen, and that his hanging men would be Russians, not Hungarians.

We slipped by the commotion in the kitchen, and Attila took me on a trot through the confused streets of our city, streets full of people not going about their business as they might, but looking alarmed, whispering rather than talking to one another. Nobody looked tired or bored, as some did on other days.

Attila had me by the hand. Everyone was pulling hard on my arm these days. We were walking briskly down Andrassy Avenue when a tall woman came out of a white building, a woman with long, straight black hair, wearing a black hat as wide as an umbrella and a black satin cloak which flowed and fluttered with each powerful step she took. She was coming straight toward us. My brother wanted to pick up the pace, but I slowed us down. I was staring.

"What do you want with her?" my brother finally asked.

I stopped altogether.

"Want?" The woman had black eyes, black eye shadow.

"Do you want to take her home with you?" Attila said.

"She's a black limousine, rearing up on her hind wheels."

She saw us, saw Attila and me looking, and glared at us before crossing the street, though she could easily have run us over.

When we turned a corner, we just about ran down a man ourselves, a beggar holding out his hand. Attila stopped. He seemed to be out of breath for some reason. The man was a Gypsy, propped up against a bakery whose window had been shattered. In the window, a single, dingy lace curtain clung to its rod, shaking its head no in the breeze, "no." I could see a loaf of bread inside on the counter, and a cake that looked blue in the light.

The poor man stood out of the wind on his only leg and held out his only hand. He was like a badly designed tree, with a single branch held out to catch rain.

"What about today?" the man said to us.

"Today?" Attila asked.

"Yes," the Gypsy said.

"I don't know," my brother said.

The man had a crutch lying behind him, together with a battered violin. "Are you back now?" he asked, his hand still held out to us.

My brother looked at me. I expected him to say, "Let's go," but instead he wanted to stay.

I found a single coin in my pocket, put my hand around it. I stepped up and said, "Yes, we've been away, but now we're back. Have you been waiting for us?"

"Oh, a young girl," the man

the man said. "The old girl is like a pet I don't have to feed much," he said, laughing. "Are you two musicians?" We didn't answer. "No, of course you're not," he said. "You're someone I stopped on the way to something. That's what I do, stop people on their way to something else."

A young woman flew by us. I could see the whites of her eyes. She turned down an alley between two tall gray stone buildings. She scared me. I thought she was coming right at us. It was impossible to tell whether people were running to something or from something.

My brother said, "Actually, I am a musician." He was grinning again.

The man lowered his begging hand and said, "What do you play?"

"I play piano," he said, "and my sister sings."

"Do you?" the man said, genuinely pleased. I pulled on my brother's arm now. I felt we should give the man a coin and go. The Gypsy said, "What sorts of things do you sing and play?"

"We can do 'Pur ti miro' by Claudio Monteverdi."

"Ah, the duet."

He began to hum, and though I had never heard it myself, I said, "Yes, that's it."

"Can you do anything by Bizet? Can you perform some songs from Carmen?"

"Yes, my sister can, some of them."

"Can you sing 'Habanera'?"

I wanted to tear my brother to pieces. I felt my breakfast coming up.

The man started to sing himself, with a sad, raspy voice. If he had not been blind, I'm sure he would have closed his eyes. Now my brother wanted to leave, but I stood firm. I felt suddenly warmed by the song, warmed by the poor man. My grandmother had played the record a hundred times. I started singing along with the man, every word, without knowing what the French words meant.

*L'amour est un oiseau rebelle
Que nul ne peut apprivoiser;
Et c'est bien en vain qu'on
l'appelle,
S'il lui convient de refuser.
L'amour! L'amour! L'amour!
L'amour!*

I stared into the man's face. I was sure I could see the thoughts moving behind his

Online only

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The Afterlife of Stars
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eyes like bits of glass. He said, "You have nice tone, young lady."

"She does," my brother said. "That was nice," he said to me, and I think he meant it.

"Now, listen," the man said. I was still holding his violin, and he pushed it up against me. How did he even know I'd been holding it? "It's magic, listen."

I put my ear against one of the extra holes in the instrument's belly, as if it were a seashell.

"Can you hear that?" I heard nothing. "Can you hear the song?"

I could hear a wet wind now and was sure I could hear the river. "What kind of wood is it made of?" I asked.

"Violin wood," he said, "from the violin tree."

I offered it to Attila to try, but he declined. He wanted to go. I set down the violin where it had lain. The torn awning above our heads flapped. I reached for the Gypsy's hand to give him my coin, and his hand closed greedily on mine.

"We have to go," I said.

He brought my hand up close to his lips. "I hope you have a very good reason for coming back, young lady," he said to the hand before letting it go. I glanced at it to see if it had been soiled. I wanted to wipe it on something.

"I do," I said.

"Yes," my brother said.

Another cold breeze blew up, and I shuddered.

The man still aimed his blind gaze at us. "It must be good," he said. "You must have a very good reason. Life and death."

Attila turned away from the man, suddenly panicked. He gave me a painful yank this time, and we took off toward Heroes' Square.

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Concussions at forefront to begin AUS football season

2014 kickoff.

Initiatives launched promoting better health and safety



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This week “the road to the Vanier Cup starts,” with Saint Mary’s kicking off the AUS regular season against St. Francis Xavier on Friday, while several new league initiatives — including a splashy commercial and more concussion awareness — were announced Wednesday.

“It starts with the desire, the intensity, the drive to never give up,” booms the voice from a football television spot, unveiled at a press conference at the Halifax Metro Centre, featuring coaches and players from the four Atlantic University Sport teams.

New promotions are part of a focus on football, basketball and hockey, the conference’s most popular sports, according to AUS executive director Phil Currie.

The AUS is also taking steps



Football head coaches, from left, Gary Waterman (St. Francis Xavier), Jeff Cummings (Acadia), Perry Marchese (Saint Mary’s) and Kelly Jeffrey (Mount Allison) sit behind the coveted Vanier Cup during the AUS football media day Wednesday at the Halifax Metro Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

forward in health and safety, with an educational video that will highlight “the dangers of remaining in the game following a head injury,” a news release explains. The concussion reduction campaign includes new rules in football, rugby

and hockey that will better protect players when they’re on the field or ice.

“We are taking proactive steps to help our student-athletes understand the potential negative outcomes of ignoring or not reporting symptoms to

their medical personnel,” Currie said.

Regulations introduced in football include a harmonized start date for a 14-day training camp and a jump from 45 to 48 players per team to dress on game days, which apply

Catch the games from home

All Atlantic University Sport football regular-season and playoff games will be available via webcast at www.AUStv.ca, while Eastlink TV will air 10 games, including semifinals and the Loney Bowl championship, on AUS Saturdays.

across Canadian Interuniversity Sport.

Also in attendance Wednesday was the Vanier Cup itself. The coveted CIS championship trophy celebrates its 50th anniversary with a cross-country tour.

Head coaches summed up their team composition, with Perry Marchese pointing out his is “the youngest” Saint Mary’s has seen in a while.

“We have 28 kids in residence, and 37 new kids,” Marchese said, adding he’s already seen great mentorship from veterans. “We want those leaders to nurture those guys and let them know they’re part of the team right away.”

That includes this Friday, when the Huskies host the X-Men in the 2014 season opener.

Young Huskies squad a hungry bunch: Captain

When the 2014 AUS football season ends, veteran Saint Mary’s University linebacker Jonathan Langa doesn’t want to walk off the field with his Huskies’ heart broken again.

Saint Mary’s fell 20-17 to Mount Allison in the 2014 Loney Bowl last November, losing the Atlantic Univer-

sity Sport Championship on a Mounties field goal in the dying seconds.

“Last year we came close,” the SMU captain said Wednesday, following an AUS football press conference in downtown Halifax. “We lost in the last minute, which was heartbreaking.”

So this year, Langa doesn’t care what record the Huskies come out with, “as long as we get into the playoffs, get to that Loney Bowl, and finish (what) we started.”

Langa, a native of Etobicoke, Ont., believes the Huskies have what it takes to “dominate every game,”

including Quebec conference interlock, which should boost national rankings.

“We’ve got some young, hungry guys,” he said of an energetic squad, ready for regular season kickoff this Friday against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

Game time is 7 p.m. at the

newly revitalized Huskies Stadium.

Langa and other vets are building the rookies up as Game 1 approaches, reminding them “there’s always a next play.”

And another chance at Loney Bowl success.

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QMI Agency retraction

Crosby arrest story had ‘no basis’

The QMI Agency has retracted a story that said NHL superstar Sidney Crosby had been arrested by Ottawa police, saying there was no basis for the report and that it regrets the error.

The story, which cited unidentified sources, was published online early Wednesday morning. The story reported the Pittsburgh Penguins captain, who hails from Cole Harbour, was arrested on a “driving related”

offence late Tuesday.

Police denied the report, telling The Canadian Press “it never happened.”

Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau also Tweeted that the police “had no dealings with Mr. Crosby.”

The Penguins said Crosby was “not in Canada” on Tuesday.

The story was eventually removed and a retraction was issued around 11:30 a.m. ET.

“There was no basis for the story and QMI unreservedly retracts the story in its entirety,” the statement said. “QMI regrets the error.”

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Mooseheads

Falkenham named Herd’s captain

Halifax native Ryan Falkenham will wear the “C” on his Moosehead jersey for the upcoming season.

The 18-year-old forward was named captain Wednesday by his hometown Quebec Major Junior Hockey League franchise.

Forward Nikolaj Ehlers, 18, of Aalborg, Denmark, and defenceman Austyn Hardie, 20, of Hemmingford, Que., will serve as alternate captains for the 2014-15 season.



Mooseheads captain Ryan Falkenham JEFF HARPER/METRO

Falkenham is starting his fourth season with the Herd, having already notched 38 points in 112 regular-season

games.

“It’s an amazing feeling, being given the opportunity to represent the team as captain,” Falkenham told HalifaxMooseheads.ca.

“Being from Halifax makes it even more special for me. I can’t wait to get the season started.”

The Mooseheads host their home opener on Sept. 19 against the Moncton Wildcats, with the puck dropping at 7 p.m. inside the Halifax Metro Centre. Their first game of the season, however, is on the road on Sept. 12 versus the Acadie-Bathurst Titan.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Whatever your aims are right now they'll change dramatically over the next few days. In fact, what happens today or tomorrow will turn your plans on their head, so be ready.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If there is something you've wanted to do but never got around to, you're about to get a chance. It's the ideal time to begin something creative.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Sacrifices will have to be made over the next few weeks but they are worth it. The important thing is that you stay calm and don't do anything drastic.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Sit back and stop worrying. That is the message of the stars today and if you're smart you'll heed it. Looking back, you will realize you got worked up about certain issues for no reason.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are doing more than enough as it is, so if someone asks you to help out today find a way to say "no". The last thing you need now is to be taking on even more chores.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is just no way a certain person is going to see things the same way as you, and if you can accept that fact you'll have an excellent day.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

At some stage today you will realize how hard it can be to understand certain people. Take the hint and accept that people, like life in general, can be messy.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

There is a task you have yet to complete and over the next 24 hours you must decide whether to carry on with it or give up on it. Clearly it doesn't inspire you, so why not just let it go?

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is an easy and difficult route to the place you want to be. It may be tempting to take the difficult route just so you can impress others but why make life hard for yourself?

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how tough the challenges that come your way from now until the end of the year, you will handle them with ease. Take each day as it comes.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You've overlooked something that could make a difference to your future. Give it some thought and when you have found what it is make sure you make it central to your plans.

♓ Pisces

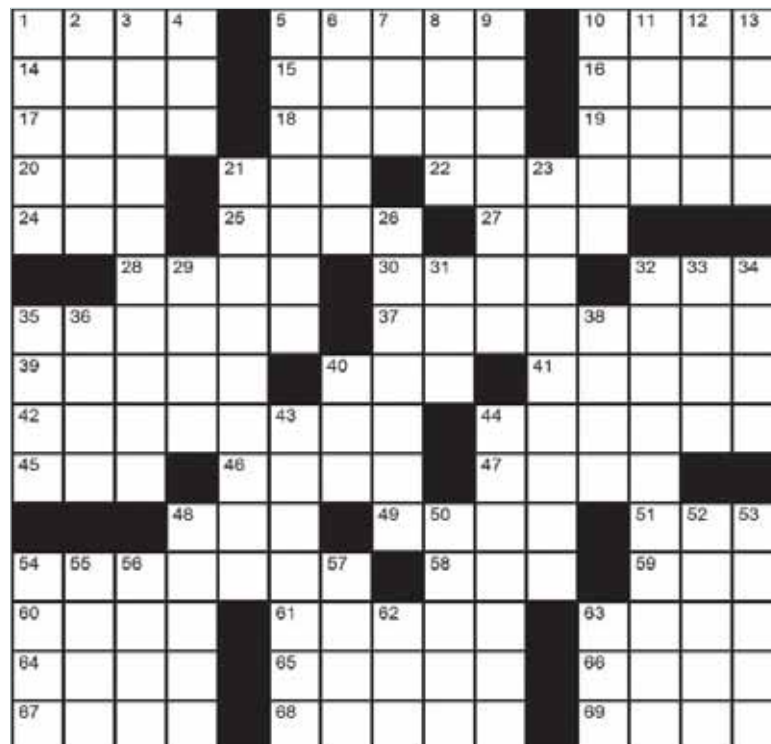
Feb. 20 - March 20

What happens today will urge you to question something you've taken for granted. Don't be afraid to change your thinking and long-term plans.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. ___ Meadows, BC
5. A funny Bob
10. Stages cycling race on now, ___ of Alberta
14. Ryan Gosling movie, "___ and the Real Girl" (2007)
15. Circumvent
16. ___ Tiara (Duchess Kate's wedding head-dress)
17. Draw ___ (Do cartography)
18. Desert dweller
19. Epiphanies!
20. American network
21. Three
22. God/planet
24. Get permission
25. Sea captain's spot
27. '___' in Canora
28. Section
30. Sci-Fi rides
32. "Star Trek: Voyager" role
35. Seven Wonders of the World... ___ of Alexandria
37. Brit singer of current hit "I'm Not the Only One": 2 wds.
39. "I'm going ___ York." ...said the Big Apple bound tourist
40. "___ be an honour."
41. Modern day witchcraft
42. Transformers: Foes of Decepticons
44. Homespun
45. Grads-to-be, briefly



46. Commedia dell' ___
47. 'A' in UAE
48. Perfect
49. Ms. Bagnold of books
51. Curious
54. ___ Flowers ("Cityline" gardening expert, fun-style)
58. MGM's motto, ___

- Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
59. Sundial number
60. "Metropolis" (1927) director Fritz
61. Magna cum ___
63. Mr. Hemsworth
64. Seed's protector
65. Pear-shaped instruments

66. Ms. Bancroft
67. Certain currency
68. Wield
69. Big golf tournaments, e.g.

Down

1. Tragically Hip album: 'Now for ___'
2. Poetic feet

3. Athletic/casual attires: 2 wds.
4. Sugar amt.
5. Spy's uncoverings
6. Benefit
7. Actress Rita
8. Grand garden
9. Bell, Rogers and Telus = ___ giants
10. Frank Sinatra's

- "___ Life"
11. Honolulu's home
12. Capital of Mongolia, ___ Bator
13. Long-stem flower
21. ___ Thursday (When celebrities post vintage photos of themselves on social media)
23. Logging-on needs
26. ___ movie
29. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
31. It's 'in'
32. Mixed Martial Arts component
33. And so on, plurally [abbr.]
34. Ms. Mitchell (Actress from Mississauga, ON)
35. Harper Valley, et al.
36. Lunch time?
38. Ms. Kunis
40. TV Cousin
43. Ear: French
44. Most just
48. English-speaking Quebecer, commonly
50. Consumer advocate Ralph
52. Paul Anka title girl in 1957
53. Bluenose coins
54. Brouhaha
55. One-of-a-kind
56. Tropical birds
57. Waters: French
62. Driver's 4x4, commonly
63. ___ of luxury

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